

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Case No. PU-09-724

In the matter of the Application of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit to Construct a Transmission Facility in Morton and Oliver Counties, North Dakota

**APPLICATION OF NEXTERA ENERGY RESOURCES, LLC
FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRIDOR COMPATIBILITY AND ROUTE PERMIT FOR
A TRANSMISSION FACILITY
AND FOR A WAIVER OR REDUCTION OF CERTAIN
PROCEDURES AND TIME SCHEDULES AND CONSOLIDATION OF CERTIFICATE
OF CORRIDOR COMPATIBILITY AND ROUTE PERMIT FOR TRANSMISSION
LINE**

NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (“NextEra Energy”), whose address for purposes of this Application is 700 Universe Boulevard, Juno Beach, FL 33408-2683, pursuant to the Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Act codified at North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-22 (“Act”), hereby submits this Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit.

NextEra Energy previously filed a Letter of Intent to file an Application for a Consolidated Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit, and a Waiver or Reduction of Certain Procedures and Time Schedules dated November 13, 2009, with the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”). NextEra Energy hereby files this Consolidated Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit to the Commission.

NextEra Energy requests that the Commission waive and/or reduce procedures and time schedules required in the Act and in the Commission's regulations set forth in Title 69-06 of the North Dakota Administrative Code to accomplish the purposes requested herein. These include, but are not limited to: (1) waive, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code §§ 49-22-07.2, 49-22-13(2), and North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-01-02(3) and Chapter 69-06-06, provisions of North Dakota Century Code §§ 49-22-08(5), 49-22-08.1(5), 49-22-13 and North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-01-02 which require separate filings for corridor certificates and route permits, separate notices of applications, separate hearings on each application, and certain time schedules as set forth in said statutes and rules; (2) hold one consolidated hearing for the requested corridor certificate and route permit; (3) find that the proposed facilities are of such design, location and purpose that they will produce minimal adverse affects; and (4) designate and approve the requested facility as identified in the Letter of Intent and this Application, and issue the appropriate certificate of corridor of compatibility and route permit.

The Commission's application guidelines for waiver of procedures and time schedules require the description of the facility, the need for the facility, the cost of the facility and separate justification for each provision of the Act which the applicant is requesting a waiver, together with evidence that the proposed project will produce minimal adverse effects. As demonstrated in this Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility, NextEra Energy's request for waivers or reductions of procedures and time schedules and the issuance of the corridor certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit are justified as the proposed facilities are of such design, location and purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects.

DESCRIPTION

NextEra Energy proposes to construct an 11-mile, 230-kv transmission line in order to inject power generated from the Morton County Wind Energy Center into the electric grid.

NEED

North Dakota offers tremendous renewable energy potential to the state and regional power system. Renewable energy has numerous benefits to the citizens of the region, including minimizing the emissions from conventional power plants. Wind energy also benefits local economies during construction and operation of the wind energy center. Energy generated at the wind energy facility and transmitted to the regional electric system will be supplied to regional power customers. In addition, the wind energy facility must be operational by December 31, 2010, in order for the project to be economically feasible.

COST

The estimated cost of construction of the transmission line is approximately \$3,000,000.00.

JUSTIFICATION

The proposed transmission line would be necessary in order for the Morton County Wind Energy Center to contribute an additional 48 MW of renewable wind energy. As demonstrated in this Application, there will be minimal adverse effects by such construction.

For the foregoing reasons, NextEra Energy submits there is substantial justification for the requested waivers and/or reduction of procedures and time schedules as requested, as this proposed transmission line will produce minimal adverse effects.

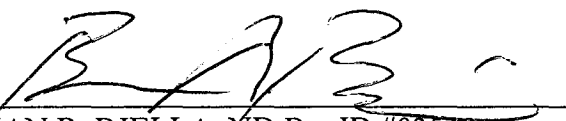
NextEra Energy respectfully requests the Commission to grant the aforementioned waivers and/or reduction of procedures and time schedules, and to render expeditious decisions approving the requested facilities and issuing a certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit for the transmission line.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

NextEra Energy Resources, LLC

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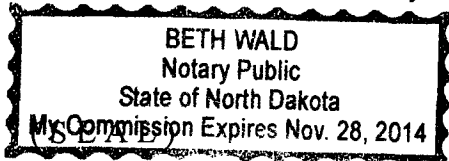
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Brian R. Bjella, being separately sworn, deposes and states that he has read the above and foregoing Application, that he knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of his own personal knowledge.


BRIAN R. BJELLA

Subscribed and sworn to this 19th day of March, 2010.




Beth Wald, Notary Public
Burleigh County, North Dakota
My Commission Expires 11/28/14